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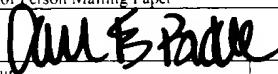
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 (Paper No. 20), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 43 to 52, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 54 and 55 to read as follows:

54. (Amended) An expression vector including the polynucleotide of claim 53.

55. (Amended) A host cell stably transformed with the vector of claim 54.



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Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Amendment In Response To The Office Action mailed
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2. Return Postcard

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